



FC CAREER PATH (SW)



Fire Controlmen are technicians responsible for the operation, maintenance, testing, troubleshooting and repair of: RADARs, computers, networks, data display systems and integrated weapon system components. Fire Controlmen are knowledgeable in basic electricity/electronics, digital fundamentals, synchros, servos, RADAR principals, the fire control problem, gun ballistics, missile systems and computer fundamentals. FCs serve in most classes of surface ships and are trained in maintenance and operation of variety of weapon systems.

YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/ShORE FLOW	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
28-30	FCCM	21.4 Yrs	CMC, Senior Enl Academy	36	4 th Shore Tour Billet: SEA, Training Manager, AOIC, FC Administrator, Test Director. Duty: FFC, SURFOR, TSC, NAWCD, CSCS, OPTEVFOR.
24-28	FCCM FCCS	21.4 Yrs 16.4	CMC, CSC	48	4 th Sea Tour Billet: CSSE/Dept LCPO. Duty: CVN, LHA, LHD. Qualification: TAO/SUWC/TLAM Evaluator.
21-24	FCCM FCCS FCC	21.4 Yrs 16.4 12.3	CWO, CMC, CSC, Instructor, RDC, Recruiter	36	3 rd Shore Tour Billet: Fire Control Administrator Lead Instructor, Combat System Development/Test/Evaluation. Duty: ATG, CSCS, TSC, OPTEVFOR, NAVSEA, SURFOR. Qualification: CDO.
17-21	FCCS FCC FC1	16.4 Yrs 12.3 8.2	CWO, CSC	48	3 rd Sea Tour Billet: Lead Fire Controlman, Dept. LCPO, CSSE. Duty: CVN, LHD, DESRON CCSG. Qualification: Warfare Coord, ECO, Boarding Officer, ITT Member, CSTT Leader.
14-17	FCCS FCC FC1	16.4 Yrs 12.3 8.2	LDO, CWO, Instructor, RDC, Recruiter	36	2 nd Shore Tour Billet: Instructor, RDC, Recruiter, Tech Rep, Trainer, Detailer. Duty: ATG, CSCS, TSC. Millington. Qualification: ATS, MTS, RINC.
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9-14	FCC FC1 FC2	12.3 Yrs 8.2 3.3	LDO, CWO, OCS, MECP	60	2 nd Sea Tour Billet: Lead Technician, LPO, LCPO. Duty: Ship, Staff. Qualification: CSC, CSOOW, SUWC, LAC, ECO, EAWS CSTT Evaluator ABO, FPTT Team Leader/or assistant.
6-9	FC1 FC2	8.2 Yrs 3.3	LDO, STA-21,OCS, MECP, Instructor, RDC, Recruiter	36	1 st Shore Tour Billet: Instructor, RDC, Recruiter, Maintenance Tech. Duty: ATG, CSCS, TSC, RTC, NRD. Qualification: ATS, MTS, RINC.
2-6	FC2 FC3	3.3Yrs 1.3	STA-21, Naval Academy, NROTC	60	1 st Sea Tour Billet: Maintenance Technician. Duty: Ship. Qualification: CSMC, Area Supervisor, CSTT, FPTT Member SCAT/VBSS Team Member ESWS.
1+/-	FCSA/SN	9 Months			Recruit Training, "A" and "C" Schools.
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Notes:

1. Billet base for E5 imbalanced for shore duty, which may preclude a Sailor's opportunity for an in-rate shore tour. Sailors electing to stay at sea might not follow normal sea-shore rotation.
2. FDNF Sea duty billets are extremely arduous, with ships being out of homeport well above CONUS average.
3. Typically, FCs are substantially involved in ATPF.
4. Acronyms: CSSE-Combat Systems Senior Enlisted. CCSG- Commander Carrier Strike Group. ATPF- Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection, WCS- Work Center Supervisor, CSTT- Combat Systems Training Team, VBSS- Visit Board Search and Seizure, FPTT- Force Protection Training Team, SCAT- Small Craft Action team, ATPF- Anti Terrorism Force Protection, RDC- Recruit Division Commander, CSC- Combat System Coordinator, SUWC- Surface Weapons Coordinator, ITT-Integrated Training Team, CSCS-Center for Surface Combat Systems, AOIC- Assistant Officer in Charge, CSOOW- Combat System Officer of the Watch, CSMC- Combat System Maintenance Central, ECO-Engagement Control Officer, ATG-Afloat Training Group, LAC-Launch Area Coordinator, ATS-Afloat Training Specialist, MTS-Master Training Specialist .